



# GREENSBORO URBAN AREA

## Technical Coordinating Committee

### TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

**Minutes of October 21, 1999**

**10:30 a.m. Greensboro, NC**

#### **ATTENDEES**

Richard Atkins	TCC Chairman	Jim Elza	Guilford Co. Planning
Jim Westmoreland	GDOT	Mul Wyman	Guilford Co. Planning
Steve Kennedy	Engineering & Inspections	Ken King	GDOT
Frank Wyatt	Engineering & Inspections	Tyler Meyer	GDOT
Elizabeth James	GTA	Dr. Julian Benjamin	NC A&T
Tom Martin	Planning	Veronica Dunlap	GDOT
Jerry Dudeck	NCDOT		

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **Approve October 4, 1999 Minutes**

Richard Atkins welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order. Steve Kennedy moved to approve the minutes. Tom Martin seconded the motion which then carried.

The Airport Area Plan Committee is in the information review phase. The first of three transportation-related meetings was held October 20<sup>th</sup>. A joint presentation by GDOT and High Point DOT staff on transportation systems, the transportation planning process, and project implementation appeared successful. Participants around the room introduced themselves revealing a diverse set of interests, concerns, and issues.

##### **Recommend TAC Adoption of MPO Priority Needs**

Ken King reviewed the Priority Needs handout. Project information sheets with maps, photos, and descriptive information were included in the handout and presented as a slideshow. The materials are organized under the headings of roadway projects, public transportation projects, enhancement grants, and technology projects. Key roadway priorities include the proposed Bridford Parkway Extension and Gallimore Dairy Road Widening projects. Other key priorities include GTA replacement vehicles.

The priority needs list highlights the need for further study and travel model analysis of Future Planning Priorities projects not currently included in the TIP or Long Range Transportation Plan.

Comments on transportation needs were received from the Town of Pleasant Garden and the Town of Sedalia. Sedalia urged rural public transportation improvements. However, rural public transportation is outside of the direct purview of the MPO. Pleasant Garden reiterated that construction agreements with NCDOT regarding the US 421 Interchanges (at Company Mill/Woody Mill Road, Neely Road and Williams Dairy Road) need to be observed and restated its interest in becoming a voting member of the MPO.

Jim Elza raised a concern about the rail corridor in the vicinity of Gallimore Dairy Road and asked if it will be included as part of a high speed rail corridor. Atkins stated this issue would be addressed through the PART's *Regional Mobility Study*. Road closings and grade separations associated with the high speed rail corridor parallel to US 70 in the eastern urban area also raise significant mobility and access concerns. GDOT staff will coordinate with the NCDOT Rail Division to check on the status and direction of the rail corridor improvement process.

Julian Benjamin stated a greater emphasis should be placed on Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies. Richard Atkins observed that RSVP serves a range of TDM needs in Greensboro, High Point, and Winston Salem. RSVP provides the largest vanpooling program in North Carolina with a fleet of 75 vehicles and offers ride-matching and guaranteed ride home programs. RSVP receives significant support through the metropolitan planning process. RSVP should be invited to a future meeting to update TCC on its current services and future service plans and needs.

Frank Wyatt moved to recommend TAC approval of the TCC Needs List. Jim Elza seconded and the motion carried.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **Memorandum of Understanding**

Tyler Meyer reviewed GDOT research into metropolitan planning MOUs adopted by the seven largest North Carolina MPOs. These MOUs share a common structure with minor variations in issues of administration, procedure, and the criteria for defining and periodically redefining the MPO area. A range of approaches are used regarding the TCC and TAC representation of member jurisdictions. This MOU research will be expanded to consider other states. A written summary will be provided to TCC early in 2000.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

Tom Martin recognized Richard Atkins for his years of outstanding leadership as TCC Chair and Director of GDOT on the likely occasion of his last meeting as TCC Chair. Atkins commended the TCC for its longstanding spirit of cooperation and effective interaction.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.